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SUBJECT: CAIRO PRESS REPORTS ISRAEL PROTESTS TONE OF SADAT COLOMBO
SPEECH AND COMPLAINS EGYPT VIOLATES SINAI II AGREEMENT

REF (A) CAIRO 11028 (NOTAL) (B) FBIS TEL AVIV R171424Z

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1. CAIRO PAPERS PROMINENTLY CARRY AFP STORIES FORM JERUSALEM
THAT ISRAEL HAS COMPLAINED OF EGYTIAN ACTIONS IN CONTRADICTION
TO SINI II. FIRST STORY SAYS ISRAEL HAS PROTESTED THROUGH
US AGAINST "TOUGH AND AGRESSIVE TONE" OF SADAT COLOMBO
COMMENTS ON ISRAEL (REF A) AS VIOLATION OF TERMS OF SINAI II,
BUT ISRAELI OFFICIAL CIRCLES HAVE DECLINED COMMENT ON "SADAT
HARD LINE" AND ANTI-ISARELI CAMPAIGN IN COLOMBO. "OFFICIAL
CIRCLES IN JERUSALEM" REPORTEDLY SAID CAIRO "HAS RAISED POSSIBILITY
OF RESORTINGANEW TO MILITARY SOLUTION". STORY GIVES NO INDICATION
OF HOW ALLEGED ISRAELI PROTEST REGISTERED OR BY WHOM.

2. SECOND AFP STORY SEEMS TO FLOW FROM FIRST. MILITARY

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CORRESPONDENT OF ISRAELI TELEVISION REPORTEDLY ANNOUNCED THAT

GENERAL SIILASVUO WILL LEAVE CAIRO TOMORROW CARRYING EGYPTIAN
MINWAR'S ANSWER TO ADDITIONAL FOLLOWING ISRAELI COMPLAINTS:

--EGYPTIAN DEPLOYMENT OF "MORE TROOPS IN LIMITED
TROOP AREA" THAN STIPULATED BY AGREEMENT:
-- EGYPTIAN HELICOPTER FLIGHTS OVER AREA UNDER UN SUPERVISION
PHOTOGRAPHING AREAS OF MILITARY SIGNIFICANCE:
--INSTALLATION OF SAM MISSILE LUUNCHERS (LOCATION UNSPECIFIED):
--STAGING OF MILITARY EXERCISES INCLUDING CANAL TROOP
CROSSINGS AND RETURN;
--INFILTRATION OF "SOME BEDOUINS INTO FORBIDDEN AREAS."

3. COMMENT: PRESS HAD NO COMMENT ON THESE REPORTS. WE HAD
EXPECTED ISRAELI REACTION TO COLOMBO SPEECH ALONG LINES QUOTED
REF C, BUT OTHER REPORT IS PUZZLING IN VIEW OF AUGUST 15 RABIN-
PERES DENIALS OF ANY SIGNIFICANT EGYPTIAN VIOLATIONS OF SINAI II
(REF B).
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